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MEMORANDUM

To: All bishops

From: Most Rev. Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Divine Worship

Date: June 8, 2020

Re: Response to *dubium* on Confirmation

In a memorandum dated May 14, 2020 I informed you that a *dubium* had been submitted to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on the question of whether an instrument could be used in the anointing that is an essential part of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

By a letter dated June 2, the Congregation has replied as follows:

“The use by the minister of an instrument (gloves, cotton swab...), does not affect the validity of the Sacrament.”